

ROADS AND POLITICS.

One of the evils with which all the improvement clubs must contend is political road and street-making and repair. It is a common remark and has been one for years, that under a well-regulated contract system, with no specifications as to "citizen labor"—by which aboriginal Knights of Rest are meant—this city could have better streets for half the money. It fairly confounds a man from the States accustomed to seeing small gangs of Italians excavate like steam shovels and dig ditches at the rate of half a mile a day, to watch the "mahope" methods of our own street constructors. This paper has observed a dozen "citizens" lingering for four weeks over the spreading of gravel over 1000 feet of suburban road and the clearing from the gutters of weeds and lantana. The same number of actual workers could have made a better job of it in a week and at a smaller cost per diem. What our Kaimuki correspondent complained of the other day and what was said about the defects in Waikiki road improvement, are not only true, but the same sort of incompetence can be found all over Oahu wherever roads are being built or repaired. Our political pets, mis-called laborers, simply kill time when nobody is in sight watching them; take long noons asleep under the trees; spend at least a fourth of the remaining time in idle chatter and now and then go through languid motions with a shovel or a pick. They never sweat enough to get the fat off. And to make things worse, the roads they build go to pieces or are badly damaged during the first heavy storm. But the more damages the more jobs and that is all these "citizens" care for. Good roads are a detriment to them so long as they stay good. What "citizen labor" wants are bad roads and a chance to dilly-dally over them at so much per diem—getting pay, in that fashion, for their votes.

Naturally there can be no discipline, no hard driving of these electors. They hold the whip hand. If urged to earn their pay they say they have already earned it at the polls and that the digging and shoveling are extra. If discharged or threatened they let on that they will get even at the next ballot-box. Naturally those in charge of them learn to let things drift and the result is that the tax money and the loan money go dwindling down to nothingness and there seems to be little ahead for the territory and the counties but debt piled on debt, and ourselves as well as posterity to make the borrowings good. The Advertiser knows that with a cold, business-like method of street and road building and repair—an efficient contract system—we should have better streets and roads and more of them and could pay the bills without going beyond our means. We could have more parks, more civic improvements of every kind. We could make Honolulu what it nearly is now—the most cleanly and beautiful city in the world's tropics. That is, we should have all this if the cold, business-like methods could continue, as well as begin. But there's the rub. The fat and sleepy "citizen" of aboriginal strain still has a majority of the votes and if we do not tax ourselves half to death to keep him employed he will elect himself into the offices and tax us more than half to death for the same purpose. Then the industrious people of Hawaii will either have to organize into an "Association for the Support of Native Citizens" and devote their lives to the task or look about for some changes in the basis of citizenship or some marked increase, through immigration, in the number of white voters, as the only means of getting the civic improvements they pay for and saving something to meet the funded debts already incurred.

THE STACKABLE APPOINTMENT.

The Star speaks without knowledge when it says that Gov. Carter was consulted about the appointment of Mr. Stackable, or that the latter got the office with his aid. The Governor was not asked to recommend a name, though, when he went to Washington before Mr. Stackable's term expired, he carried a recommendation for Crabbe which he filed with the Treasury department. There it was turned down and Mr. Stackable, having received previous assurances from Secretary Shaw of his reappointment, got his commission in due form. It is true that, as a general thing, Governor Carter has been the adviser of the President in local Federal appointments but the Stackable case was a marked exception to the rule. Roosevelt was President when Mr. Breckons was nominated for U. S. District Attorney, but apparently no one but the local committees and business men and certain mainland senators had the say about it. A Sunday writer for the Advertiser was in error about Messrs. Breckons and Hendry having been reappointed, their terms not being four year ones; but in the Stackable case he was entirely right. That was a very clear example of the determining influence of a cabinet chief over the choice of men on the payroll of his department. We agree with The Bystander that the reappointment of Judge Robinson is another instance, for Attorney General Moody is known to have been active in the matter.

William Jennings Bryan's letter on Hawaii, which was one of many interesting features of Honolulu's most widely-read journal, the Sunday Advertiser, ought to do the promotion work of this Territory a great deal of good. Mr. Bryan has, literally, millions of readers, and no other man writes for the press today in whom his clientele have more personal confidence. Mr. Bryan's narratives of travel are not brilliant and we gain by that; because people who want to know about a given country are more impressed by a plain, earnest statement of facts and impressions regarding it than they are by the word-pictures which are often painted for the sake of the art and without much basis in reality. It appears from Mr. Bryan's story that he was honestly pleased with Hawaii and that he wants to come again. His concluding words might well be incorporated into our Promotion advertising:

"When we departed from the wharf at nightfall to board the Manchuria we were again laden with flowers, and as we left the island, refreshed by the perfume of flowers and cheered by songs and farewells, we bore away gratefully memories of the day and of the hospitality of the people. Like all who see this Pacific paradise, we resolved to return some time and spend a part of the winter amid its beauties."

The effect of official work and worry upon Governor Carter's health has been such that it is not likely his relatives and friends will acquiesce in any desire he may show to return to his executive duties. At least these are the present signs. Governor Carter has a highly nervous organization which he unstrings by excessive smoking. Small matters trouble him and he takes all things too much to heart. To stand the vexations of the governorship of this turbulent little realm, one needs a temperament of cheerful optimism, nerves that keep their tone under all circumstances and a skin that will shed criticism as a turtle's back sheds birdshot. Governor Carter is not that sort of a man and his nearest friends believe that he owes it to himself and his family to retire from public life and invite the rest and quiet assured him by his ample fortune and so necessary to his future usefulness. It can be his satisfaction that he made a good Governor.

One of the things the Manoa Heights Improvement Association might well take up with others interested is the creation of a park on the vacant College Hills block at the corner of Kamehameha avenue and Manoa road. The land lies somewhat lower than the road and gets enough seepage from near-by hills to keep vegetation green the year around. It is much better adapted for a park than for building lots and could be made into a beautiful embellishment for the main entrance both of the College Hills and Manoa Heights districts. Some of the block has been sold to people who evidently do not intend to build on the lots and the rest is said to be owned by Oahu College. We believe that the block could be easily got for park purposes and that the supervisors would be willing to maintain the property.

If Supervisor Lucas intended to deny last night the statement made in this paper about the work on the Waialae road, it is plain that he knows nothing about it. The Supervisor is strong on denials, but this journal has said nothing about our system of political road-making which is not common knowledge among the people who observe the work done near their homes.

Jack will not be of gubernatorial age until September. During the intervening eight months, if the Governor gets well enough, he may travel abroad. Meanwhile the friends of Judge Cooper, who are by no means unimportant, will get busy. There are signs of stirring politics ahead.

The improvement furor is the healthiest show of public spirit Honolulu has made for years.

The stone wall was there all right but the other man butted it.

REALTY TRANSACTIONS

Entered for Record January 29, 1906.
From 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Lizzie K Makuakane and hsb to Hattie N Purdy and hsb to Mrs Waka Okino and hsb to Wm Kinney
Balbina M Jardine to Jose G Serrao
J Kauhane to Julius C Bartels
John Fernandez to Jose M Tavares
Ben Wilkins to M Horita et al
Moses Papalakea and wf to Lameka Tam Kee
W H Beers to Henry Wessel and wf
Emiline K Wessel et al to Matsuno Motokichi
Hakalau Plant Co to W H Shipman
Manuel M Jardine by atty and wf to Jose G Serrao
Manuel M Jardine by atty and wf to Wm Fernandez
Balbina M Jardine and hsb to Jose G Serrao
Manuel M Jardine adv E N Holmes
James Prosser by atty to Julia Puhaoa
Mrs Keahonui Rickard to Sato Fujitani
Chas H W Hitchcock et al to First Bank of Hilo Ltd
Chas H W Hitchcock et al to First Bank of Hilo Ltd
Hawaii Herald Pub Co Ltd to First Bank of Hilo Ltd
S I Shaw and wf to Wm L Peterson
Wm L Peterson to Bank of Hawaii Ltd
Jno P Kahahawai to George S Kenway
Robert Wallace tr to John A Maguire
J H Schnack to Albert A D Araujo tr
Anna Spalding et al to Lincoln L McCandless
John A McCandless et al to McCandless Bldg Co Ltd
Oahu College by trs
H Waterhouse Tr Co Ltd to Kate Cornwell
Kate Cornwell to H Waterhouse Tr Co Ltd
H Waterhouse Tr Co Ltd to Blanche Walker
Blanche Walker and hsb to H Waterhouse Tr Co Ltd

Recorded January 19, 1906.

H A Heen to S W Hoopii Kaweloheli, Rel; R P 4311 kul 4942, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu. \$150. B 180, p 95. Dated Jan 18, 1906.
W J Wright by High Sheriff to Hoffschlaeger Co Ltd, Sher D: int in app. Opihailiki, S Kona, Hawaii. \$27.50. B 278, p 67. Dated June 8, 1903.
Pioneer Mill Co Ltd to Nellie D Cross, L: pc land and R W Puuoa, Lahaina, Maui. 5 yrs at \$1 per yr. B 273, p 448. Dated Jan 17, 1906.

MELROSE HOTEL

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The Susanna Wesley Home has heretofore been conducted in the old Dickey homestead on Nuuanu street. The new location is an excellent one. There are three main buildings, two of which face on King street. These are connected by a spacious lanai. The grounds are greatly improved and there are fifty rooms.

The Home is designed to take care of and protect women and children of the Methodist faith who are not otherwise provided for in the way of homes. The education of children is one of the first features of this excellent institution. The Home will take in Japanese and Korean women as well as those of foreign nationalities.

Miss Jayne, assisted by Miss Morrison, is in charge of the Home. At present there are thirty inmates. The work has been extremely prosperous and gratifying, not only to Rev. John W. Wadman, the energetic pastor of the Methodist mission in Hawaii, but to Bishop Hamilton as well, and the latter has shown his intense interest by securing a permanent home for the institution.

It is planned to have a house-warming and reception at the new home on the evening of February 12, at which will be present Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton. There will be a voluntary offering of the church people on this occasion to make up the \$300 which the church has agreed to be responsible for—its contribution toward the \$5000.

PA-U POSTERS POSTED.

The posters of the Promotion Committee advertising the Floral and Pa-u Parade for February 22 have arrived on the Coast and are being generally posted in conspicuous places. H. K. Gregory, A. G. P. A., of the Southern Pacific Ry., at San Francisco acknowledges receipt of a bunch and states that he has directed them to be put up where they will do the most good. At the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce exhibit at Shasta Springs the posters are placed where travelers by train can not help seeing them. The St. Francis Hotel has kindly agreed to put up the posters there.

The Oceanic steamer Sonoma is due this morning from the Colonies and to resume her voyage to San Francisco at 3 p. m. The Hawaiian band will be on hand to play the steamer off. The Sierra is due tomorrow morning with a week's later mail, and the Siberia comes in on Friday with two days' mail.

The legal position of Queen Alexandra is very curious. So far as her private business is concerned she is not regarded by the laws and customs of England as a married woman. The idea of the law is that affairs of state consume all the time of the king and therefore no responsibility for the queen's private business rests upon him. If the queen contracted debts in her husband's name he would not be responsible for them, as any other husband would. The king cannot be sued for debt, but the queen can be.

Malt Nutrine

The Ideal Malt Tonic, recommended by Physicians.

Hollister Drug

COMPANY.

It is Cool . . .

THESE DAYS

At HALEIWA
JUST THE PLACE TO
SPEND YOUR VACATION.

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING

All Sorts of Amusement,
All Kinds of Recreation,
All the Comforts of home.

Tickets and information at Oahu Railway station and Trent & Co., or ring up Haleiwa Hotel, King 53. On Sundays the Haleiwa Limited, a two-hour train, leaves at 8:22 a. m.; returning, arrives in Honolulu at 10:10 p. m.

Society Stationery

We make a specialty of Engraving Dies and Embossing Correspondence Paper.

A large and complete stock of only the very finest paper is carried by us at all times.

PROFESSIONAL AND OFFICE LETTER HEADS, in copper plate printing and embossing, a specialty.
All orders for WEDDING and RECEPTION INVITATIONS receive prompt and careful attention.

H. F. Wichman & Co.,
LIMITED.
Fort Street.

GUY OWENS CO.
ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERS
Phone Main 315, Union Street.

Matting!

We are especially well stocked at present with Japanese and Chinese Matting, also Chinese Matting Rugs, both plain and twisted patterns, and Japanese Cotton Rugs, in pretty blue and white designs. Better get some new matting instead of turning the old. The improvement will be great and the cost won't be much.

Lewers & Cooke, Ltd.
177 SOUTH KING STREET.

EAGLE CLEANING AND DYEING WORKS.
Fort Street, opposite Star Block.
LADIES' AND GENTS' CLOTHING CLEANED AT LOWEST PRICES.
Phone White 2362.

Catton, Neill & Co., Ltd
ENGINEERS AND MACHINISTS
QUEEN AND RICHARDS STREETS

Boilers re-tubed with charcoal-iron steel tubes; general ship work.

The Latest

Morton Electric Razor

So simple that anyone can use it. No stropping necessary, always sharp. Impossible to cut yourself. Consists of a silver triple plated holder and twelve double edged blades packed in a handsome velvet lined case.

Call and examined one.

Pacific Hardware Company, Ltd.
Fort and Merchant Streets.

Electric Sparks!

Sunlight is nature's benevolence. Electric light is man's appreciation of nature.

If you want to keep your friends, keep a light house and a light heart.

Nerves are the enemy of happiness. Electric light the enemy of nerves.

Electric light is the best modern nerve tonic you can prescribe for yourself. You can take it as often as you wish, and give to others without extra charge.

To use electric light just means that you are getting in the habit of being cheerful.

A good light has a moral value. It robs the mind as well as the room of shadows.

Hawaiian Electric Co., Ltd. Office, King St., near Alakea. St. Phone Main 390.

Grand Clearance Sale

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Ready-to-Wear Apparel.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1st, AT 8 O'CLOCK, we will begin a mammoth sale of Ladies', Misses', Children's and Infants' Wearing Apparel at greatly reduced prices.

These goods are first-class in every particular, the same goods that you have been buying every day at regular prices.

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAYS.

COATS AND JACKETS.

LADIES' 3-4 COATS:	Usual Price.	Sale Price.
Woolen, assorted colors.	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.50
Cravenette, assorted colors.	12.00	7.00
Pongee Silk	10.00	7.50
Black Taffeta	16.00	10.00
Pongee, Oriental trimming.	20.00	15.00

LADIES' LONG COATS:		
Khaki Automobile Coats, with Capes.	\$ 3.50	\$ 1.50
Khaki Automobile Coats, plain.	2.50	1.00
Mohair, Navy and Browns.	10.00	7.00
Waterproof, Brown and Modes.	12.50	9.00
Pongee, Champagne and Navy.	12.00	9.00
Gloria Cloth, Navy and Gray.	14.00	10.00
Cravenette, Mixed Browns.	\$16.00 &	12.00
Cravenette, Navy	20.00	14.00
Taffeta, Black	16.00	12.00

LADIES' JACKETS:		
Assorted Styles	\$ 6.00 to \$12.00	\$ 4.00 to \$ 6.50
Alpaca, Navy	6.00	4.50
Pongee, Navy	8.00	6.00
Black Taffeta	13.00 to	10.00
Pongee Silk, Oriental	16.00	10.00
Pongee Taffeta	30.00	22.00

MISSSES' AND CHILDREN'S COATS:		
Misses' Long Coats, assorter Browns.	\$ 6.50	\$ 5.00
Misses' Long Coats, extra length.	10.00	8.00
Misses' Jackets, Black Taffeta.	5.50	4.50
Children's Jackets, 2 to 10 years, Navy.	2.50	1.50
Children's Jackets, White Pique.	5.50	4.00

SUITS AND SKIRTS.

MISSSES' SKIRTED SKIRTS, assorted.	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50
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LADIES' WOOLEN:		
Walking Skirts, mixed Colors.	\$ 3.50	\$ 2.50
Ladies' Cloth, Black.	13.50	6.00
Voile, Black	9.00	6.00
Taffeta Silk, Brown.	12.00	6.00
Shirred and Pleated, Black and Navy.	10.00	6.00
Voile, Black and Browns.	10.00	6.50
Serge, Navy	10.00	7.00
Cravenette, Oxford	10.00	7.00
Alpaca, Assorted Colors.	10.00	8.00
Voile, Black	12.00	7.50
Cravenette, Oxford and Brown.	15.00	10.00
Voile, Black, with Silk Slip.	25.00	18.00

LADIES' SUITS:		
Woolen Shirt Waist Suits, Mixed Colors.	\$15.00	\$ 6.00
Pau de Soie Suit, Black.	20.00	7.00
Tailor-made Suit, Mixed Grays.	12.00	9.00
Tailor-made Suit, Black.	15.00	10.00
Tailor-made Suit, Brown.	14.00	10.00
Tailor-made Suit, Navy.	18.00	12.50
Tailor-made Suits, Assorted Colors.	20.00	15.00

LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS.

White Lawn, Assorted Styles.	\$ 1.25	\$.65 & \$.75
Brown and Gray Chambray.	\$ 1.00 &	1.25
White Lawns, Assorted Styles.	.75 &	1.00
White Lawn, Black French Knots.	1.50	1.00
White Lawns, Assorted Styles.	2.50 &	2.75
White Dotted Swiss.	3.50 &	4.50
White Dotted Swiss.	5.50	3.50 & 4.00
White Lawn	5.00	3.50
White Mull, Hand Embroidered, size 42.	8.00	5.00
White Mull, Hand Embroidered, size 40.	18.00	12.50
White Valenciennes Lace, size 38.	25.00	18.00
Ecu Fancy Lace Waists, sizes 34, 38.	18.00	12.50

CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' WEAR.

White Muslin Skirts.	\$.75 & \$ 1.00	\$.25
White Muslin Dresses.	.75 & 1.00	.25
White Muslin Dresses.	1.25 & 1.50	.50
Infants' Muslin Slips.	1.25 & 1.50	.50
Infants' Muslin Slips.	3.00	.75
Children's Colored Gingham Dresses.	.50	.35
Children's Colored Gingham Dresses.	.65	.50
Children's Colored Lawn Dresses.	1.50	.50
Children's White Lawn Dresses.	2.50 to 4.50	1.50 to 3.00
Children's Assorted Wash Suits.	1.00 to 5.50	.50 to 3.50
Children's White Pique Suits.	3.00 to 5.00	1.75 to 3.00
Children's White Sun Bonnets.	.50 & .75	.25
Children's White Sun Bonnets.	1.25 & 1.50	.50
Infants' French Bonnets.	.75 to 2.50	.50
Infants' Silk Bonnets.	1.00 to 2.00	.50
Infants' Eiderdown Coats, Assorted Colors.	1.50 to 5.00	1.00 to 3.00

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